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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, RO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. TRIFA CASE. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TRIAL ATTORNEY HANDLING TRIFA CASE, EUGENE M. THIROLF, HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER HELP IN ASSEMBLING EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES. HE HAS PUT THREE QUESTIONS TO US: FIRST: DO WE HAVE ANY OBJECTION IF DAVID STRATMAN, PH.D., A HISTORIAN OF ROMANIAN ORIGIN WHO IS DOING INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ON THE PERIOD IN WHICH JUSTICE IS INTERESTED WITH REGARD TO TRIFA, SEEKS UNOFFICIALLY TO OBTAIN MATERIAL THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO JUSTICE? JUSTICE BELIEVES, AND WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE, THAT STRATMAN WOULD BE SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY TO OBTAIN MATERIAL THAT IS USEFUL IF HE DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEK OFFICIAL GOR COOPERATION IN ASSEMBLING MATERIALS ON TRIFA. MAJOR RISK WE SEE, WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY CONVEYED TO JUSTICE, IS THAT STRATMAN MIGHT  
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PREJUDICE HIS STANDING WITH GOR IF THEY LEARN HIS ACTUAL PURPOSE IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM HIS STATED ACADEMIC ONE. THIS WOULD BE EVEN MORE LIKELY IF HE IN FACT TURNS UP MATERIALS THAT BECOME PART OF PUBLIC RECORD IN TRIFA CASE. ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE WE CAN LEAVE THAT DECISION TO STRATMAN, WHO HAS SAID HE DOES NOT THINK THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR HIM. GIVEN THE LACK OF OTHER PROGRESS

IN GETTING GOR COOPERATION, WE ARE INCLINED TO GIVE

JUSTICE OUR OK. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR VIEWS QUICKLY;  
STRATMAN WOULD LIKE TO GO TO BUCHAREST IN JULY. SECOND:  
IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE GOR RESPONSE TO YOUR JANUARY 30  
DEMARCHÉ (BUCHAREST 691 AND STATE 16284), DO YOU SEE  
ANY WAY IN WHICH WE CAN OBTAIN GOR COOPERATION IN  
FACILITATING INVESTIGATIVE VISIT BY TRIAL ATTORNEY  
TO ROMANIA? JUSTICE STILL FEELS STRONG NEED FOR  
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE. THIRD: IN CONNECTION WITH SECOND  
QUESTION, JUSTICE WANTS GOR COOPERATION IN LOCATING  
FOUR WITNESSES IDENTIFIED IN COURT DECISION WHICH GOR  
GAVE US: ANGHEL MIHAI, BIRIS, PROF. CHIRNOAGA,  
AND PANAITESCU. IF THEY ARE STILL ALIVE, JUSTICE WANTS  
TO INTERVIEW THEM.

2. REPRESENTATION LIST (BUCHAREST 4046). AS YOU KNOW,  
WE RELY BASICALLY ON EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT IN PREPARING  
REP LIST, AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR REMOVING  
FROM IT PERSONS WHOSE FILES HAVE SHOWN NO ACTIVITY FOR  
OVER A YEAR. WITH REGARD TO YOUR SUGGESTION, HOWEVER,  
THAT PERSONS WHOSE EMIGRATION FROM ROMANIA WOULD SPLIT A  
NUCLEAR FAMILY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE REPRESENTATION  
LIST (PARA 6), WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS. WE DO NOT LIKE THE  
IDEA OF INCREASING THE DIFFERENT VETOES AVAILABLE TO  
THE GOR, IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR PARENTAL  
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CONSENT TO MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO ADULTS. ALSO, ALTHOUGH  
THE FINAL ACT DOES FOCUS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION, OUR  
INTEREST IN ROMANIAN EMIGRATION GOES BEYOND THAT. BUT  
WE LEAVE THE FINAL DECISION TO YOU ON THIS AS WELL AS  
PARA 7. YOU MAY WANT TO TAKE A CASE-BY-CASE APPROACH.

3. TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE PROPOSAL. COMMERCE HAS  
INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT A PROPOSAL WHICH BEWT PUT  
FORWARD FOR COMMERCE'S FY 1980 BUDGET "WISH LIST" FOR  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICES IN  
BUCHAREST, BUDAPEST, AND PEKING HAS SURVIVED THE FIRST  
COMMERCE-WIDE CUT. WHILE THE PROPOSAL IS STILL FAR  
SHORT OF RECEIVING FINAL COMMERCE APPROVAL, OUR FRIENDS  
IN COMMERCE FELT THEY SHOULD ALERT US TO IT TO GET OUR  
INITIAL INFORMAL VIEWS AND THOSE OF THE POSTS CONCERNED.  
WHAT BEWT HAS IN MIND ARE MODEST OPERATIONS ALONG THE  
LINES OF THE PRESENT WARSAW TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.  
THEY PROPOSED FUNDS (WE DON'T KNOW THE AMOUNT) FOR WHAT  
THEY FIGURED WOULD COVER OPENING OFFICES PHYSICALLY  
SEPARATE FROM THE CHANCERIES AND A TOTAL OF SIX EMPLOYEES  
(AMERICANS AND LOCAL STAFF) FOR ALL THREE OFFICES. WE  
LIKE THE IDEA IN PRINCIPLE AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING

YOUR VIEWS VIA THIS CHANNEL. INCIDENTALLY, WHILE  
COMMERCE IS NOT WEDDED TO THE CONCEPT OF THE TDO'S BEING

LOCATED AWAY FROM THE CHANCERIES, THEY BELIEVE THIS IS  
PREFERABLE, ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE  
COSTLY.

4. ECONOMIC COUNCIL. NSC (KING) HAS PROMISED TO GET OUR  
SUGGESTED MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR THE COUNCIL  
OUT TO YOU BY END OF WEEK. ON EMBASSY BRIEFING, JAY  
IS ASKING HASFURTHER TO TELEX YOU ASAP. WE UNDERSTAND  
THAT GOR HAS MOVED JUNE 26 LUNCH TO 1:30-3:00. HOPE  
THIS DOESN'T ELIMINATE AFTERNOON PROGRAM FOR VEST IN  
BUCHAREST THAT DAY.  
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5. TUDOR CLAIM. DURING THE ROMANIAN MFN EXTENTION  
HEARINGS ON JUNE 15, MERRIGAN PRIVATELY TOLD SAM  
FROMOWITZ THAT SENATOR LONG HAD BRIEFLY RAISED TUDOR  
CLAIM WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU DURING LATTER'S VISIT  
TO U.S. ACCORDING TO MERRIGAN, CEAUSESCU INDICATED  
AWARENESS OF CASE AND RESPONDED BLITHELY TO LONG THAT  
ROMANIA WOULD SOON SETTLE THE CLAIM. GIVEN MERRIGAN'S  
PENCHANT FOR THROWING NAMES AROUND, WE PASS THIS TIDBIT  
TO YOU WITH MORE THAN THE USUAL CAVEATS ABOUT SECOND-  
HAND INFORMATION. VANIK, BY THE WAY, WOULD VERY MUCH  
LIKE TO BE RID OF THE TUDOR CLAIM ISSUE -- AND OF  
RIPOSANU AND MERRIGAN.

6. SENATE HEARINGS. DURING WORK-UP OF HUNGARIAN TRADE  
AGREEMENT IN SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY, STAFF  
INDICATED THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE SUB-COMMITTEE OF SFC  
WOULD HOLD HEARINGS JULY 12 ON BOTH ROMANIAN AND  
HUNGARIAN WAIVERS UNDER SECTION 402.

7. ADL VISIT (BUCHAREST 3654 AND STATE 128221). DAVID  
BRODY HAS ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY RECEPTION COULD BE SET  
FOR ABOUT 5:30 OR 6:00 P.M. ON EITHER JULY 1 OR 2.  
BRODY WILL CALL EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL BUCHAREST ON JUNE 30,  
BUT IF YOU WANT US TO PASS DEFINITE DATE TO HIM LET US  
KNOW. VANCE

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